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The Simpleminded Laz and the Jew

There were once a Jew and a Black Sea coast man who met each other while they were on a train trip. Having heard that all Laz people were very simpleminded, the Jew decided to play a trick on his traveling companion. He said, "Let us play a game of questions. If I cannot answer a question which you

I shall pay you 100 liras. On the other hand, if I ask you a question which you cannot answer, you will pay me fifty liras."

"All right," answered the Laz, and he asked the Jew the first question: "What animal has three legs?"

After thinking very hard about this question for several minutes, the Jew finally admitted, "I don't know. Here are 100 liras. Now it is my turn to ask you a question. What animal is it that has three legs?"

"I don't know, either," said the Laz, "so here are fifty your liras back."